

tight this year. But it is not so tight that we need to entirely eliminate this expenditure. In fact, I would note that this bill provides EPA \$116 million more than the President requested. As the Senator from Maryland, Senator MIKULSKI, has said many times here on the floor, this bill is still a work in progress. I am confident that the very able managers of the bill can find room for the Montreal Protocol Fund in a budget for EPA that provides \$116 million more than the President's request for the coming year.

We have our differences here in the Senate over environmental policy. But everyone has to admit that the international program to protect the stratospheric ozone layer negotiated by President Reagan has been a tremendous success. The work is not quite done. CFCs are not entirely out of our economy. In fact, the U.S. remains the third largest user of CFCs. But we are well on the way to a CFC-free world. And this program, the Montreal Protocol Fund, has been a very important part of the effort. It deserves our continued support.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, September 23, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,638,477,894,300.66 (Five trillion, six hundred thirty-eight billion, four hundred seventy-seven million, eight hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred dollars and sixty-six cents).

One year ago, September 23, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,517,883,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred seventeen billion, eight hundred eighty-three million).

Five years ago, September 23, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,667,471,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred sixty-seven billion, four hundred seventy-one million).

Twenty-five years ago, September 23, 1974, the Federal debt stood at \$480,719,000,000 (Four hundred eighty billion, seven hundred nineteen million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,157,758,894,300.66 (Five trillion, one hundred fifty-seven billion, seven hundred fifty-eight million, eight hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred dollars and sixty-six cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks announced that the House has passed to the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1402. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1555) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOSS, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BASS, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. DIXON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. ANDREWS.

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1875. An act amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read twice and ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1402. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders.

The following resolutions were ordered placed on the calendar:

S. Res. 186. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. Res. 187. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding education funding.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5355. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL #6430-7), received September 13, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5356. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; New Source Review in Nonattainment Areas" (FRL #6436-8), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5357. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona State Implementation Plan Revision, Maricopa County" (FRL #6438-1), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5358. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revisions; Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; Kern County Air Pollution Control District; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6436-2), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5359. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon" (FRL #6438-5), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5360. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination that State has Corrected the Deficiency; State of Arizona; Maricopa County" (FRL #6438-3), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5361. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Arizona" (FRL #6440-2), received September 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5362. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and

Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: California" (FRL #6439-9), received September 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5363. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Nevada" (FRL #6440-4), received September 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5364. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Standards of Performance for Nitrogen Oxide Emissions from New Fossil-Fuel Fired Steam Generating Units—Temporary Stay of Rules as they Apply to Units for Which Modification or Reconstruction Commenced After July 9, 1997" (FRL #64376-1), received September 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRAMM, for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency for term of five years.

Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a term of five years.

Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2003.

Dan Herman Renberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2003.

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1633. To recognize National Medal of Honor sites in California, Indiana, and South Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1634. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for residential solar energy property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1635. A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to extend the term of marketing assistance loans; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1636. A bill to authorize a new trade, investment, and development policy for sub-Saharan Africa; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 1637. A bill to extend through the end of the current fiscal year certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations; considered and passed.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1638. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1639. A bill to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for the National Weather Service and Related Agencies, and for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 1640. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect pension benefits of employees in defined benefit plans and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to enforce the age discrimination requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to amendments resulting in defined benefit plans becoming cash balance plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1641. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code, of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage of cancer screening; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. Res. 185. A resolution recognizing and commending the personnel of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, for their participation and efforts in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Operation Allied Force in the Balkan Region; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. Res. 186. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 187. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding education funding.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 188. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that additional assistance should be provided to the victims of Hurricane Floyd; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1633. To recognize National Medal of Honor sites in California, Indiana, and South Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

LEGISLATION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SITES IN CALIFORNIA, INDIANA, AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that would designate the Medal of Honor memorials at the national cemetery at Riverside, California, the White River State Park at Indianapolis, Indiana, and the museum at Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, as National Medal of Honor sites. I am joined in this effort by Senators CRAPO, COCHRAN, and BINGAMAN. This legislation is a companion bill to H.R. 1663, sponsored by Representative KEN CALVERT and cosponsored by 77 Members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. President, this is not a frivolous piece of legislation that I am introducing today. The Medal of Honor is this nation's highest honor. The 3,417 Americans who have received the Medal of Honor, from the Civil War through the terrible battle in the dusty streets of Mogadishu, each demonstrated uncommon courage in the service of their country, many at the cost of their lives. In testimony in support of the House bill before the Veterans Subcommittee on Benefits, Paul Bucha, president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, stated that the Society "believes that these projects will bring full recognition to recipients and is hopeful that this will complete the system of memorials that recognize Medal of Honor recipients." Passage of the bill Senators CRAPO, COCHRAN, BINGAMAN and I are introducing today will help to ensure this recognition in a timely manner.

Designation of the three sites as "National" memorials will give them the status they deserve, while bringing them appropriately under the department of Interior. There is no cost associated with this legislation. I hope that my colleagues in the Senate will support passage of this legislation, and thank the President for this opportunity to address the Senate on behalf of this worthy legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: